Jacobean flower with four petals

6 inch (15 cm) hoop, 4.3 × 4.3 in (10.9 × 10.9 cm)



Colors by number: page 2.
Fabric: dark teal cotton or linen.

What you need

A 6 inch (15 cm) hoop.

A 9 inch (23 cm) square of dark teal cotton or linen.

Embroidery needles, size 9, and size 3 for 4 to 6 strands.

7 colors of floss (page 2): one skein of each color (an estimate from the drawing's lines and shapes).

A white pencil, and small scissors.

Onto the fabric

Fabric that lets light through: page 3 on a bright light, the fabric over it; trace with a white pencil.

Other fabric: print page 3 on a sticky wash-away sheet, stick it on, stitch through it and rinse it away.

Or white or yellow carbon paper, colored side down, page 3 on top; trace with a ballpoint and go over a faint line with a white pencil.

Then hoop it, inner ring under, tight as a drum.

How to read it

Floss has six strands: cut 18 inches (45 cm), pull out the number named one at a time, and lay them together.

Start a filling with tiny stitches, a line with a small knot; end under stitches on the back.

Every stitch in pictures: flossfield.com/embroidery/stitches.

New to this: flossfield.com/embroidery/guides/how-to-start.

Stitch in this order

Where a stitch page says otherwise, follow this list.

1. **Satin stitch**, colors 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
   3 strands: petal bands, teardrops, leaves
   2 strands: teardrop seeds, buds, bud cups, collars
   1 strand: curls



2. **Chain stitch**, 4 strands, color 2
   Petal rims, heart ring



3. **Split stitch**, colors 1, 4, 6, 7
   6 strands: petal rows, heart ground
   3 strands: leaf edges

4. **Straight stitch**, 2 strands, color 4
   Lattice



5. **French knot**
   2 strands, two wraps, color 3
   Pearls, lattice knots



Take out lines that still show, press face down, finish the hoop or sew a pillow.

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A number is a color of the list. Fine lines show which way the stitches lie: do not stitch them.



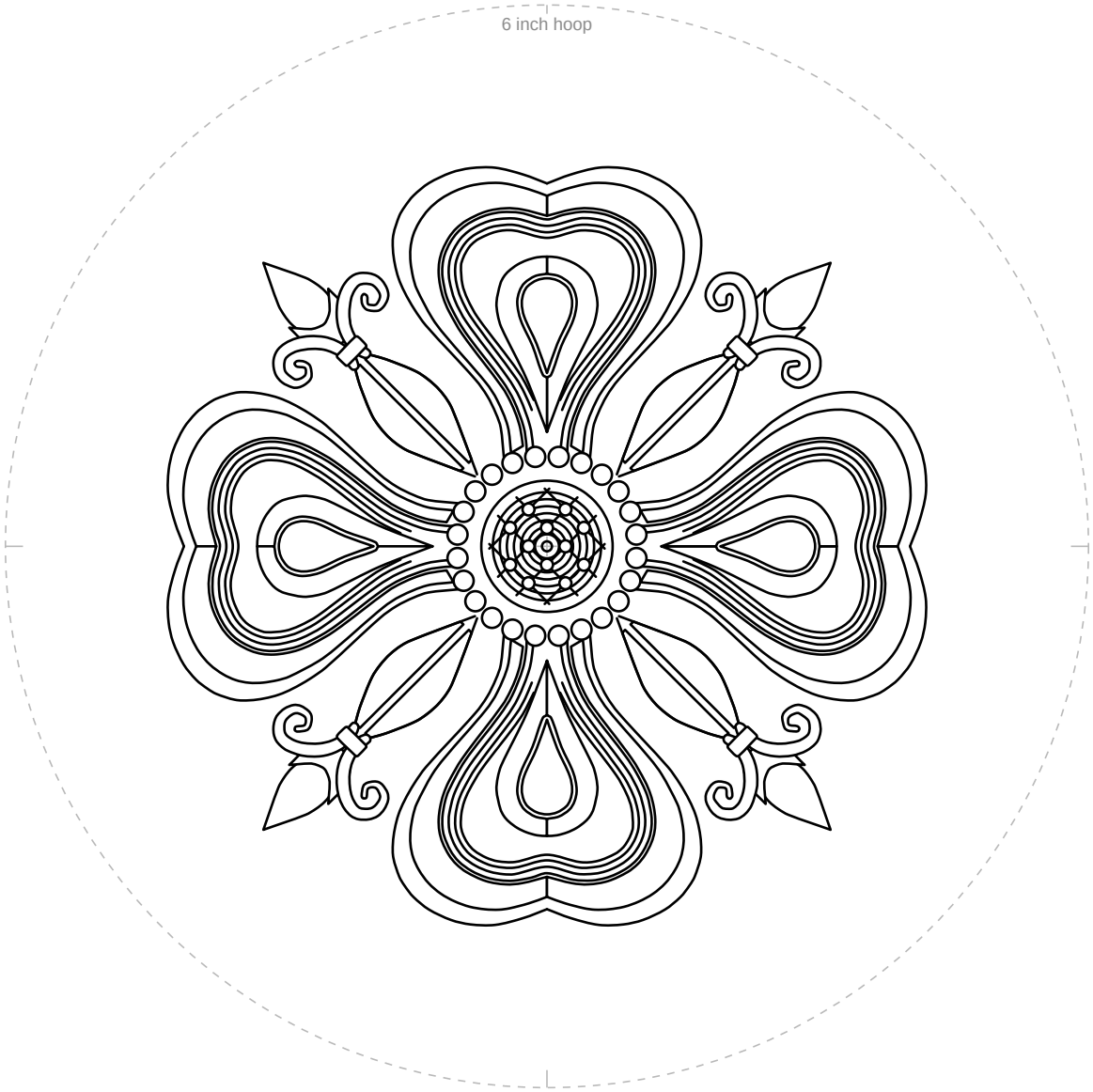
1 DMC 721 Medium Orange Spice
2 DMC 350 Medium Coral
3 DMC 3823 Ultra Pale Yellow
4 DMC 742 Light Tangerine
5 DMC 989 Forest Green
6 DMC 3348 Light Yellow Green
7 DMC 918 Dark Red Copper

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Print at 100% and measure the square. Trace the black lines only. The gray ring is the hoop: fold the fabric in four and lay the folds on its ticks.
On the drawing a ring is one French knot: mark a dot.



1 in
25.4 mm

Not 1 inch (25.4 mm)? Print again at 100%.

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